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WELCOME TO THE NUFOC

The United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA) and the FLYING SAUCER DIGEST would like to welcome all of you who are attending this, the 25th Annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC). We are pleased - and honored to be hosting this Silver Anniversary gathering.

Allan J. Manak and Rick R. Hilberg, UAPA and FSD staff members, have been involved with the NUFOC right from the very beginning in 1964. FSD Editor Robert S. Easley, meanwhile, joined the NUFOC in 1966. We are all grateful in being a part of the NUFOC.

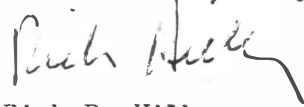
Over the past 25 years the NUFOC has met in such cities as San Francisco, Phoenix, New York, Charleston, Columbus and Cincinnati, but has always considered Cleveland as its "home." It was "born" here in 1964 and has many times returned to pay a "visit."

The NUFOC is the longest running annual UFO conference in the world! We are proud of that fact, and as long as there are mysterious things in the sky, the NUFOC will be on the UFOlogical scene.

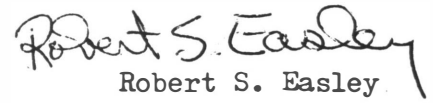
In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this Conference. It was much hard work to put together, but we feel it was worth it. We sincerely hope you feel likewise.



Allan J. Manak



Rick R. Hilberg



Robert S. Easley

FROM THE EDITOR

PHENOMENA, NOTES AND COMMENTARY:

While a 25th Anniversary is generally a time of joy, renewing old friendships and the remembrance of great and fun times, it is also the remembering of old and dear friends who are no longer with us. The National UFO Conference is no exception.

Many UFOlogists who were NUFOC members are no longer with us. It is to these departed members that I offer a moment of silence. They are, and will continue to be, dearly missed.

Of our lost colleagues, the ones I remember the most are Jack and Mary Robinson and Gray Barker. During the hectic days of a conference they were almost like family to me, so their firendship is still deeply missed.

While they are no longer with us physically, they will be with us in our thoughts and in the spirit of UFO research.

GOOD READING:

For an outstanding publication on UFOs and Fortean happenings subscribe to "The Gate," edited by our good friend Ms. Beth Robbins. Professionally printed and fully illustrated, "The Gate" offers a wide range of fascinating articles and news items on such topics as UFOs, Bigfoot, electrical allergies, other dimensions, etc. The \$5.00 subscription price for four quarterly issues is well-worth it. Write to "The Gate," P. O. Box 43518, Cleveland, Ohio, 44143.

"UFO Universe" is a bi-monthly newsstand publication edited by our good friend Timothy Green Beckley. At 72 pages in length the \$2.50 cover price is very reasonable. Issue #2 had articles by such UFO researchers as Stanton Friedman, John Keel, Brad Steiger, Antonio Huneus, Vicki Cooper and Jenny Randles. If your favorite newsstand doesn't carry "UFO Universe" tell them to get it!

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ABOUT THIS COVER:

Our 25th Conference Issue cover (see top cover at the right) was done by the noted illustrator Ron Pelger. The look of fear is evident in the man's eyes as he points to the UFO while uttering a cry of terror. Or, he could be yelling to the delegates of the NUFOC to get out of the "BS Session" and come see the UFO. In any case, it is indeed an outstanding cover!

ABOUT NEXT ISSUE:

We have some interesting surprises in store for our Winter 1988 issue (see middle illustration). If you are up for renewal with this issue please renew now so as not to miss a single issue. If you are reading this publication for the first time, we hope you enjoy it and we do indeed hope you will join our family of subscribers. Our subscription rates are only \$5.00 for four issues (one year) or \$9.00 for eight issues (two years). Remember, renew or subscribe now before you miss an issue!

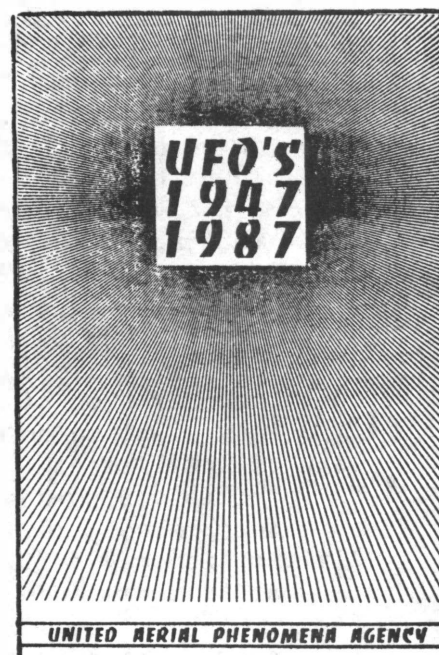
NEW BOOKLET BY UAPA:

The UAPA has put together a new booklet titled "UFOs: 1947 - 1987." It consists of the three best sightings from each year covering the forty year span. It makes a very good reference work that everyone interested in UFOs should have. This booklet sells for just \$1.00 and we do not expect the supply to last so order now while they are available. Don't wait and be disappointed! See what you would miss by looking at the bottom illustration. (From The Editor By Robert S. Easley)

NEWS UPDATE

According to James L. Elliot of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology "Pluto has an atmosphere - no question." Candidates for the atmosphere include methane, carbon monoxide, molecular nitrogen, and perhaps argon. Most gases would freeze as the temperature is estimated to be within 40 degrees C of absolute zero. The atmosphere may turn out to be as much as a few hundred kilometers deep. Scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California have confirmed that the inside of Uranus is a highly pressurized combination of hydrogen, helium, carbon, oxygen and nitrogen. The planet also has a large magnetic field, whose strength is twice that of Earth's, believed to be a product of these five components.

U.S. and Canadian astronomers have found 10 planet-like objects orbiting distant stars, a discovery that intensifies speculation about the existence of life beyond the Earth. Astronomers from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, found what might be a very large planet orbiting a star 90 light years away known as Star HD 114762. The planet is thought to be 20 times the size of Jupiter and perhaps too close to the star to support life due to the intense heat from the star.



From the Baltimore Evening Sun we read that: NASA is planning one of the most sophisticated electronic searches for extraterrestrial life ever mounted.

After five years of research, scientists are asking Congress for \$90 million over 10 years to build a computerized, automated system capable of simultaneously scanning millions of radio frequencies, including television, across broad sweeps of sky.

The search will be 10 million times as broad as any attempted before or under way now.

"In the first few minutes of operations alone we will have covered more search space than was ever done before," said Michael J. Klein, manager of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

The search for new worlds could get under way as early as 1992, the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of a different "New World."

Speaking at the 20th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union here, Klein and Frank Drake, dean of natural sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and president of the IAU's commission on bioastronomy, said that with full funding the SETI project could be in full operation by 1993 or 1994.

The system will use NASA's Deep Space Network radio telescopes in Goldstone, California, Canberra, Australia and Madrid, Spain.

Astronomers planning the search say that radio frequencies are the best place to look for signs of life because they are the quietest portion of the natural electromagnetic spectrum. Other frequencies are "noisy" with natural emissions from stars and galaxies.

Already, Drake said, man's activities make the Earth 10 million times "brighter" than the sun to any aliens looking for us in the radio bands.

"One of the strongest signs of our own existence is our accumulation of TV signals," Drake said. Others include microwave transmissions and military radar.

Drake said, "If peace breaks out, and we all go to cable TV and fiber optics, we would disappear" from the radio telescopes of any intelligent beings on other planets who might be looking for us.

Having chosen to look for signs of intelligent life in the radio bands, though, what do we look for?

Klein said that an extraterrestrial civilization trying to attract the attention of a "fledgling civilization like us" would probably send out a continuous tone, or perhaps regular bursts transmitted in very narrow bands, oddities the SETI computers could spot.

But things may not be that simple if they are not trying to be heard.

"Any civilization we can detect is likely to have the same threat to their existence as we have - nuclear power," Drake said. By the time we hear them, they may have blown themselves off the air.

More advanced civilizations, he said, might have developed technologies so efficient that no energy escapes into space. So we wouldn't be able to detect them either.

Unfortunately, those civilizations would have the most to teach us.

"They will be the survivors, with political systems that allowed them to cope - benign, well-adjusted, non-psychotic, non-neurotic places," he said.

Perhaps, Drake said, the SETI project would be able to pick up transmissions between several such civilizations.

They might be colonized planets communicating with the home office. The first sign of intelligent life beyond our solar system, Drake said, might turn out to be "a long list of purchase orders."

For Drake, a real problem is the realization that the nearest extraterrestrial civilization may be 1,000 light years away.

At that distance, it would take 2,000 years to get an answer to a question.

A group of climate researchers has warned that the "greenhouse effect" warming the Earth will continue even if use of the chemicals causing the problem is sharply curtailed. The heatup "appears to be inevitable, even with ... drastic, and probably

unrealistic reductions, of greenhouse forcing" by the release of carbon dioxide and other gases, the scientists reported.

The greenhouse effect has drawn increasing concern recently, although most meteorologists contend that it is too early to determine if it is responsible for the current drought and hot weather affecting much of the nation.

It occurs when the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increases. Carbon dioxide is released mostly from burning fossil fuels and from such gases as methane and nitrogen oxides. These gases let incoming heat from the sun reach the Earth, but they block the Earth's own heat from traveling into space, much as a greenhouse traps heat indoors. As the gases become more abundant, more heat is trapped, and the planet's temperature rises.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported on 30 August that global concentrations of carbon dioxide have increased by 25 % since the mid-1800s. (News Update Compiled By Robert S. Easley)

MANAK'S NOTEBOOK

Where Do UFOs Come From?

Every lecture, every radio program, we are asked; where do UFOs come from? Well, in the Golden Years of UFOs (1947-1952) we were told, or I should say suggested to, that UFOs were coming from Mars or Venus. We know now that there is no planet in our solar system that has life capable of producing UFOs.

It is also interesting to note that some people actually believed that UFOs were Earth based, somewhere in the Arctic or Antarctic. This also proved to be wrong and of bad taste, even to suggest such a mundane idea.

An idea was carried well into the 1970s that Hitler had escaped from Germany during WW II and was living in Argentina, along with his flock of newly invented Flying Saucers. This story kept creeping up every two or three years for about 25 years. It must have finally died, and was put to bed for the last time.

Another absurd idea was that they came from the Earth's interior, from the giant holes at the North and South Pole. This theory was one of the very first. Authors kept bringing this idea up until about the mid-Sixties. We know the U.S. nuclear submarine went directly under the Arctic Ocean from one end to the other. So, the idea of a large hole at

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"Boy, I'd give anything right now to see the stupid look on the bright scientists face back home who predicted life on this bone-dry planet."

THE 25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE SILVER ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

AGGENDA

Afternoon Session

1:00 Opening Remarks by UAPA
1:10 James W. Moseley, MC
1:15 Larry Blazey
1:45 John Timmerman
2:15 Edward M. Biebel, Jr.
2:45 BREAK
3:00 Timothy Green Beckley
3:30 Tom Benson
4:00 Ron Schaffner
4:30 Antonio Huneus
5:00 CLOSE

Evening Session

7:00 Opening Remarks by UAPA
7:15 James W. Moseley
7:45 Richard P. Dell'Aquila
8:15 BREAK
8:30 Antonio Huneus
9:45 BREAK
10:00 Dr. Willy Smith
11:00 CLOSE 1988 NUFOC

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Lawrence Blazey - A well-known and highly respected UFO researcher since the early 1950s, Mr. Blazey is also an artist and painter of UFO and space scenes. He lives in Bay Village, Ohio.

John P. Timmerman - Active in UFO research since the early 1950s, he has been associated with the J. Allen Hynek Center For UFO Studies since 1979. He currently serves that organization as Vice President of Public Relations. He lives in Lakeview, Ohio.

Edward M. Biebel, Jr. - Serves as Assistant State Director of Southern Arizona for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). Active in UFO research for over 25 years Ed, a former Cleveland, now lives in Nogales, Arizona.

Timothy Green Beckley - Known as "Mr. UFO" he is currently Editor of the newsstand publication "UFO Universe." Tim has had many books and articles published on UFOs. He divides his time between New York and New Jersey.

Thomas Benson - Active with MUFON as a State Section Director for New Jersey, he is also Editor of the highly respected "The Sixth Quark Journal." He currently resides in Trenton, New Jersey.

Ronald Schaffner - Well-known in UFO circles, his main area of interest, however, is in Bigfoot and other strange creatures. Editor of "Creature Chronicles," Ron also serves as a member of the Permanent Organizing Committee of the National UFO Conference. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Antonio Huneeus - Became active in UFO research in 1977 and is now one of the most active and respected UFO investigators. He has given several hundred UFO lectures, including one to the United Nations. He serves as MUFON's Continental Coordinator for South America and lives in New York City.

James W. Moseley - The "Dean of UFOlogy," Jim has been active in UFOs since the early 1950s. He is also highly respected in the fields of Archaeology and pre-Columbian Antiquities. Editor of the controversial "Saucer Smear," he is looked on as the "Voice of UFOlogy" in the 1980s. He resides in Key West, Florida.

Richard P. Dell'Aquila - A Cleveland-area Attorney who serves as a State Section Director for MUFON, he was one of the primary investigators for the recent Lake Erie sightings. Active in the Paranet/Freenet/UFOlogy SIG computer systems, Rick lives in Seven Hills, Ohio.

Dr. Willy Smith - Colleague of the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, he is the prime mover behind the UFO UNICAT Project. He investigates sightings for both MUFON and CUFOS while living in Longwood, Florida.

LIST OF PREVIOUS NUFOC CONVENTIONS

- 1.) 20 June 1964 - Cleveland, Ohio
- 2.) 26/27 June 1965 - Parma, Ohio
- 3.) 25 June 1966 - Parma, Ohio
- 4.) 22-24 June 1967 - New York, New York
- 5.) 22 June 1968 - Parma, Ohio
- 6.) 20/21 June 1969 - Charleston, West Virginia
- 7.) 26-28 June 1970 - Columbus, Ohio
- 8.) 24-27 June 1971 - Cleveland, Ohio
- 9.) 24/26 June(?) 1972 - Logansport, Indiana
- 10.) 22/23 June 1973 - Atlanta, Georgia
- 11.) 13 July 1974 - King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
- 12.) 16 August 1975 - Defiance, Ohio
- 13.) 28 August 1976 - Strongsville, Ohio
- 14.) 6 August 1977 - San Francisco, California
- 15.) 12 August 1978 - Strongsville, Ohio
- 16.) 14 July 1979 - Cincinnati, Ohio
- 17.) 21 June 1980 - New York, New York
- 18.) 27 June 1981 - De Pere, Wisconsin
- 19.) 29 May 1982 - Parma, Ohio
- 20.) 14 May 1983 - Tucson, Arizona
- 21.) 22 September 1984 - Cleveland, Ohio
- 22.) 25 May 1985 - Fremont, California
- 23.) 16-18 May 1986 - Phoenix, Arizona
- 24.) 12-14 June 1987 - Burbank, California

ROBERT LOFTIN AWARD AS "UFOLOGIST OF THE YEAR"

(Editor's Note: The "UFOlogist of the Year" Award, named after the late Robert Loftin, is voted on by the Permanent Organizing Committee of the National UFO Conference. As can be noted, it is not awarded every year. - RSE)

1967 - John A. Keel	1977 - Robert S. Easley
1969 - John J. Robinson	1978 - Charles Wilhelm
1970 - Allan J. Manak	1980 - Stanton T. Friedman
1971 - Gray Barker	1982 - James W. Moseley
1972 - Allen H. Greenfield	1983 - Dr. J. Allen Hynek
1973 - James W. Moseley	1984 - Peter J. Mazzola
1974 - Yonah ibn Aharon	1985 - John P. Timmerman
1976 - Rick R. Hilberg	1987 - Stanton T. Friedman

NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE HONOR ROLL

(Editor's Note: The HONOR ROLL is a list of UFOlogists who have passed away and it was felt by the Permanent Organizing Committee that they should be honored in some way. Thus the creation of the HONOR ROLL in 1969. - RSE)

Robert E. Loftin - 21 November 1968
Dr. Miran Lindtner - 29 August 1969
Dr. James E. McDonald - 13 June 1971
Prof. Charles A. Maney - 8 November 1966
Ivan T. Sanderson - 19 February 1973
Hans Stefan Santesson - 20 February 1975
Richard S. Shaver - 5 November 1975
John J. Robinson - 4 August 1978
Kennenth Arnold
Edward U. Condon
Joan O'Connell

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William L. Moore
Charles Wilhelm
Ron Schaffner
Ken Behrendt
Tom Benson

the Poles leading into the Earth's interior is ridiculous.

In the Sixties the theory of UFOs coming from another dimension was introduced. This theory still holds true to this day because no one can prove or disprove the existence of another dimension or that that is the answer to where UFOs come from.

So, that leads us to today, where the leading suggestion is that UFOs are coming from another galaxy. Another theory that cannot be proved.

Take your pick. Some have been proven while others have only been an idea. Some theorists believe that one of the above suggestions could very well be the answer. Others will say to the suggestions that UFOs have been with us (Mankind) since the beginning of time. This could be true, but we cannot prove it. We do know that unidentified "somethings" have been in the Earth's atmosphere for fifty centuries. We can prove this by ancient records (see my book "Mysterious Things In The Sky").

So, the three big questions in UFOlogy were always: what are UFOs?, where do they come from?, and what are they doing here?

In 1947 these questions were asked. The same holds true for 1988. Forty-one years after the initial sighting that started the phenomena of UFOs or flying saucers, the same questions are still asked today. And why not? These are all very good questions. But, the UFOlogist is supposed to know some answers, at least he or she is supposed to give some sort of intelligent answers when people ask these questions.

Where do UFOs come from? I simply cannot answer this question. Maybe that is the answer itself. Perhaps we are not to know the answer. Maybe we are not intelligent enough to understand the question. In any respect, it takes questions to keep the curiosity going and maybe that's enough itself to keep UFOlogists so loyal to their story of this fascinating enigma. I know it does mine.

GUEST ARTICLE

UFOs - SCIENCE IN DEFAULT (AGAIN)

by Richard P. Dell'Aquila

During the recent explosion of public interest in UFOlogy and the publishing of several UFO best sellers, the June, 1987 issue of SKY & TELESCOPE, an astronomy magazine, editorialized: "Unidentified flying objects have faded from popularity in recent years, perhaps as the news media become more aware how little is behind every UFO tale that has ever been well investigated."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The attitude of science has been to attach an undeserved stigma to the subject of UFOs without ever having fully and objectively investigated the phenomena. Rather, the debunkers have either denied the legitimacy of observations or attributed them to prosaic explanations not consistent with the known circumstances surrounding the observations in question. This plague of dogmatic scientific "skepticism" and the practice of distorting or avoiding facts which should be investigated are not "scientific" approaches. Understandably, it can be disconcerting to face a reality which challenges and is seemingly contrary to everything one accepts as "true" about the nature of the universe and the position of humankind in the scheme of things. To that extent, at least, Science is a belief-system like a religious cult and those who stubbornly refuse to consider legitimate challenges to those beliefs are "true believers."

This unfortunate approach to UFOlogy by those who should be in the lead of human study of the phenomenon has instead resulted in a widening gap between the reported observations of thousands of credible, competent witnesses (sometimes supported by instrumentation and photographs) and the entrenched pronouncements of self-appointed debunkers. Science has created its own "credibility gap." The public is no longer willing to accept official "explanations" handed down from on high when those explanations are contrary to known fact or observations. The time is long overdue for Science to

cease advancing unsupported and irrelevant "explanations" for UFO reports and to accept its duty to seek Answers to this puzzle. Such studies are beyond the means of the ordinary lay person.

Even for the most objective and well-informed investigators, it can be difficult to avoid reaching premature conclusions about the true nature of UFOs. But the paucity of credible scientific "explanations" and the complete refusal of Science to find a legitimate answer(s) have caused the public to jump to sometimes outlandish conclusions about UFOs. The popular notion that the reported phenomena must represent extraterrestrial visitation may be just one such hasty conclusion. This situation has regrettably developed, not despite, but precisely because the best scientific and technical minds of our civilization have systematically "pigeon-holed" UFOlogy as an occult belief to be scorned and ridiculed. The public is left to its own meager means to come to grips with real events happening around them and reported by otherwise credible observers.

Admittedly, the reported phenomena cannot be duplicated in the lab and there is a great deal of fear attached to the subject. A legitimate scientific inquiry may open a "Pandora's Box" forever changing closely held beliefs about the universe and our place in the cosmos. Instead, serious inquiry into UFOs has been thwarted by the distortions and pronouncements of the debunkers who explain that, "everything is fine because . . . (here insert the debunker's prosaic explanation)."

These "scientific explanations" are typically premised upon theories of illusions, delusions or hoaxes. In short, reports of UFO phenomena are attributed by these "experts" to aberrations of the human psyche and the subject is thereby tainted and rendered "unrespectable" in the minds of those who have looked no farther than the stated "expert" opinion. But the scientific debunkers are not solely responsible for this regrettable myopia, they do not operate in vacuo. These attitudes merely reflect the officially stated negative positions of the government and military authorities.

Given all the effort expended to debunk the subject for the past 40-50 years, why is it that despite all the official pronouncements and the best efforts of the debunkers, the public interest in UFOlogy has reached an all-time high? UFO books have reached the top of best-seller lists recently. Is it all mass hysteria or delusion? The public is seeking its own answers precisely because science has failed to squarely face its responsibility to society. Science cannot or will not give UFOs a "fair hearing" and an uninformed public is left to its own speculations on the subject. There has never been an objective, public scientific study of UFOs. Why not? What happened to scientific curiosity?

Notwithstanding those who assume that the present stage of human development is the highest peak of knowledge attainable, any objective examination of the body of UFO evidence accumulated to date results in the inescapable conclusion that there exists a real core of unassailable evidence that the UFO phenomenon presents an opportunity for advancing our understanding of the universe and our place in it. The longer we are kept ignorant of the true nature of the UFO phenomenon the more confused the public will become and the greater the likelihood for irrational beliefs to arise about the phenomena. Opportunities for greater scientific advancement have been and will continue to be lost.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

Classic Disc Sighted in Minnesota:

On January 15th Debbie Plonsky of Cannon Falls, Minnesota was driving approximately one half mile north of White Rock on County Road 8 when she spotted a glowing fluorescent pink "something" at about 7:40 A.M. She reported that the UFO came into view as she crested a hill, and that her five year old daughter also took notice of the strange sight at the same time she did.

"It was the shape of the spaceships you see in cartoons, with a cap on top.

There was nothing fuzzy or blurry about it," Plonsky added.

It was as long as two barns, she estimates, and so she stopped her car to have a better look at it. As soon as she did, her car radio went out as if something had suddenly affected the signal.

She looked at it for about fifteen seconds, after which it disappeared straight up leaving a vapor trail of some sort. She said she was unable to hear any sound associated with the object, and that her car radio began working as soon as the UFO disappeared.

Plonsky took her children to the babysitter and headed to work at Ram Center. Her employer, curious about the sighting she described, went back with her later that morning to look for any possible landing marks, but with negative results.

They did, however, report seeing an airplane circling directly over the site as if looking for something. A check with a person living near the site of the encounter was also negative, but the local resident said she was not awake at the time of Plonsky's sighting.

Later in the day the 5 year old daughter drew a picture of what she had seen, a disc-shaped object consistent with her mother's testimony, except that the youngster colored "her" UFO a bright orange.

Two Startled By Low Flying Nocturnal Something:

A low-level UFO sighting by a Bay City, Wisconsin teenager and her friend on the evening of March 5th had both witnesses extremely frightened, according to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

The 17-year-old girl, who asked that her name be kept confidential, said that a large object with two bright white lights on one end and a flashing red light on the other hovered directly over her vehicle before disappearing, about 10:30 P.M.

"It was about twenty feet above me with two lights right next to each other. We didn't hear anything so we knew it wasn't an airplane or a helicopter," she said.

The teenager first noticed the object high in the sky in the direction of Plum City or Elmwood shortly after she picked up her friend outside Bay City. Intrigued by the sight, they drove toward it to try and identify the object. But when it started moving in her direction, she said she turned the car around and headed back toward Bay City. Within moments, it was hovering about twenty feet above the speeding car, she said.

Frightened, the girls tried to ignore the object and headed for Red Wing.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department didn't receive any reports of UFO sightings or similar events on the day in question, a dispatcher said.

UFO Presages Storm in North Carolina:

Savannah Welborn and her husband sighted a silent and wingless UFO just before a severe thunderstorm rocked the area near King, North Carolina on May 23rd.

"It was the most fascinating thing," she told newsmen. "I just stood there in awe. It was unbelievable."

It was around 9:00 P.M. when her husband went out to feed their animals where they live in the Meadows Community, she said. It hadn't started raining yet, but the thunder and lightning had begun.

"The only reason he (her husband) was out then was because he was getting hay for the animals. We were running late with the feeding. That's when I spotted it over the mountain."

When he saw the UFO he ran inside and got Mrs. Welborn. Together they watched as the huge object came over Sauratown Mountain, lighting most of it up. They watched it for ten minutes, at one point from as close as 100 feet away.

"It moved slowly towards us," she said. "It got to the big oak and turned. It was barely moving. It was fiery red inside. There were no wings, but it had a rudder, like a boat, with blue and white lights."

"The whole thing was about as big as a house," she continued. "The whole front end was yellow lights. I could hear a humming (she likened it to an air conditioner running), but my husband didn't hear it. It was so strange. I had never seen anything

like it."

She said that it got so close when it was turning, that had she had her binoculars, she could have seen inside it.

"I've read about these things, but never seen anything like it. It went up and out, towards Walnut Cove, and then just disappeared from our view."

When asked if possibly they had confused the UFO for some common object such as an aircraft, or possibly some sort of natural phenomena, Mrs. Welborn was emphatic in the negative.

"Absolutely not," she said. "Lightning flashed on both sides of it when it was coming over the mountain. Lightning wouldn't have moved towards us anyway. This came closer and closer. When it turned I could have fallen over."

RAF Interested in UFOs Over Chase, England:

The following interesting item from England appeared in the March 17th edition of the Chase Post, under the byline of Lynette Lloyd:

It was this week confirmed that RAF Strike Command - the nerve center of the RAF - is "extremely interested" in a huge number of unexplained UFO sightings over the Chase area.

In the last month there have been no less than 38 unexplained sightings - 26 of them over Rugeley, and others over Burntwood, Boney Hay, Litchfield, Brownhills, Willenhall and Walsall.

The normal monthly average is four. Of these two may well be explained away.

The figures were confirmed by John Hurley of the Unidentified Flying Objects Studies and Investigations, who is in the process of submitting a report to Strike Command.

"Something very strange is going on," said John. "These people are quite definitely seeing something extraordinary.

"They are the unexplained sightings which can't be pinned down to being aircraft or air balloons or constellations in the sky.

"In just two hours over Rugeley we had 16 sightings. One of them was from a very frightened 12-year-old girl who was with two friends when they saw a huge oval-shaped craft hovering at around 600 feet. The bottom of the craft was covered in green, blue and white lights and had a small blue light which moved in and out of the object. It made no noise as it hovered, only when it moved off at a fast pace," said John.

"Whatever she was, it terrified her and she's been too frightened to leave her home since," said John.

"We had similar sightings from four police officers - two in Walsall and two in Willenhall."

Many of the people who've spotted the craft give descriptions that are amazingly similar.

Most of the sightings occur at night, after 10:30 P.M.

A Litchfield man spotted a "cigar-shaped" object hovering over a Litchfield Church one morning recently, just before 8:00 A.M.

Mr. Edwards, of Friday Acre, said: "It was huge and had a mushroom-shaped top which came down to a long cigar shape underneath."

The latest incident came on Saturday (March 12th - RRH) when two men spotted a "cigar-shaped" object near Rugeley Road in the Hazel Shade area.

The two men, Robert Brough and Andrew Onions, saw the object rise from behind trees. (Around and About Written By Rick R. Hilberg)



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